GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Allegation of Corruption against Sri K.Bapuji, former Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), Kakinada District (Retd.) Prosecution sanctioned - Convicted by the ACB Court - Imposed a penalty of withholding of Gratuity and Pension permanently against him - Criminal appeal filed - Hon'ble High Court set aside the judgment of Trial Court - Further action dropped -Smt, K.Bala Tulasi W/o Sri K.Bapuji (Late) requested to regularize the suspension period - Orders- Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.33 **Dated: 24.01.2024**
Read:-

CCLA Memo.No. REV02-27021/44/2023-VIGILANCE 11 SEC-CCLA (C.No.2170912) Dt: 27/10/2023

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ORDER:-

The attention of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri is invited to the reference cited and it is informed that Sri K.Bapuji, formerly Mandal Revenue Officer, Sri K.Ananda Rao, Junior Assistant and Sri V.Gopi, Attender, O/o the Pedavegi Mandal, EG District were trapped by ACB officials on 11.09.2000 for demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs.500/ for issuing of death certificate to the complaint's mother. Subsequently, Govt have issued orders for sanction of prosecution against Sri K.Bapuji, formerly Mandal Revenue Officer and 2 others. The Hon'ble Trial Court vide orders dt: 19.09.2007 in C.C.No.34/2001, while disposing the case, has ordered that the A.O.1 Sri K. Bapuji, M.R.O, Pedapudi, E.G. Dist was convicted for the offence U/s 7 of P.C.Act, 1988 and he was acquitted under section 248 (1) Cr.P.C for offence U/s 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of P.C. Act, 1988. Government after careful examination of the matter have issued orders withholding the gratuity and entire pension against him (Retd on 30.07.2007), permanently, under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, vide G.O.Ms.No. 346, Rev(Vig.II) Department, dt:17.03.2008.

2. Criminal Appeal No.1368/2007 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P against the orders dt:19.09.2007 of Trial Court in C.C.No.34/2001 and while the appeal is pending before the Hon'ble High Court, the A.O.1 died on 05.12.2016 and the wife of the Sri K.Bapuji, formerly Mandal Revenue Officer, Smt. Kunche Bala Tulasi filed Legal Representation on behalf of the deceased appellant. After final hearing the Hon'ble High court pronounced judgement on 02.05.2022 in Crl.Appeal No.1368/2007 and allowed the appeal and set aside the conviction orders of the Trial Court in C.C.No.34/2001. Accordingly, Government, after examining the matter have dropped further action against Sri K.Bapuji, formerly Tahsildar, O/o the Pedapudi Mandal (Retd), Kakinada District (died on 05.12.2016) vide G.O.Ms.No.292 dt.04.07.2023.

3. The CCLA further informed that the District Collector, Kakinada while enclosing the connected records has requested to regularize the suspension period from 19.09.2000 to 19.02.2001 (154 days) and from 24.02.2001 to 20.09.2003 (939 days) (Total 1093 days) as duty in terms of F.R.54 (b) as the Govt., have dropped further proceedings against the Individual vide GO Ms.No.292 dt.04.07.2023.

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4. Government after careful examination of the matter has decided and hereby regularize the suspension period from 19.09.2000 to 19.02.2001 (154 days) and from 24.02.2001 to 20.09.2003 (939 days) [Total - 1093 days] of Sri K.Bapuji, Tahsildar, Pedapudi (expired on 05.12.2016) as duty in terms of F.R.54 (B)(2).

5. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri shall take further necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER